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Date: April 8, 2004

By:

Aida Martinez

PATENT
Docket No. GC394C1-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David A. Estell et al.

Serial No. 09/932,183

Filed: August 17, 2001

For: Proteases From Gram-Positive
Organisms

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: W. Moore

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003:

one month to _____; the extension fee is \$110.00.

two months to April 17, 2003; the extension fee is \$420.00.

three months to _____; the extension fee is \$950.00.

four months to _____; the extension fee is \$1,480.00.

five months to _____; the extension fee is \$2,010.00.

The extended time for response does not exceed the statutory period.

[] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated _____.

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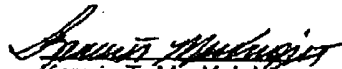
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[X] Charge \$ 420.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC394c1). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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